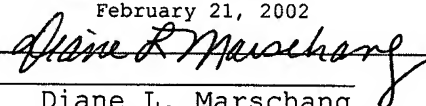


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<p>In re Application of Avi J. Ashkenazi Serial No.: not yet assigned Filed: February 21, 2002 For: APO-2LI AND APO-3 POLYPEPTIDES</p>	<p>Group Art Unit: not yet assigned Examiner: not yet assigned</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING</p> <p>Express Mail Number: EV 016026884 US I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated below and is addressed to "Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231. February 21, 2002  Diane L. Marschang</p>
---	--

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Patent Application
 Assistant Commissioner of Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with Applicant's Continuation Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b). Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested prior to examination on the merits.

In the Specification:

In the paragraph beginning at line 10 of page 1, the text has been amended to read as follows:

--- This application is a continuation application of Serial Number 08/829,270 filed March 31, 1997, which claims priority under 35 USC 119(e) to provisional application numbers 60/014,699 filed April 1, 1996, now abandoned, and 60/026,943 filed September 23, 1996, now abandoned, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference. -

In the paragraph on page 11, lines 16-18, the text has been amended to

*PRE AMENDT/A
 AJ
 P#3
 4-24-02*

A1